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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 12-14 and 16-27 have been examined as amended, with claims 2, 6-7, 11, and 15 being canceled.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 12-14 and 16-27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection as necessitated by amendment.

More specifically, although it is agreed that Miwa et al. (3,806,881) does not explicitly teach that recited in the claims; as the currently amended claims are considered to represent an obvious variation over that claimed by Wolrich et al. (6,941,438 and 2005/0185437), as identified by the applicant as the most relevant prior art, among an excessive number of IDS's submitted for review on 8/9/06, during an examiner initiated phone interview on 8/17/06; the currently amended claims are correspondingly rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting in lieu of their rejection under 35 U.S.C 103 over the prior art of record as reviewed with the applicant in an examiner initiated phone interview on 8/23/06 and as further detailed below.

Where further, in view of Wolrich et al. (6,941,438), both the objection to the specification, and the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 has been withdrawn; as the reference is considered to render that previously questioned as being obvious in view of the dereference to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention.

### ***Double Patenting***

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claim 1, 3-5, 8-10, 12-14 and 16-27 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,941,438. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other as the reference clearly claims a logically equivalent means as supported by its disclosure by which memory may be interleaved between a set of a non-power of 2 memory channels, whereby further as one of ordinary skill in the art is considered to clearly understands that 3 memory channels represents the first such member of such a set, and that any memory channel may mutually exclusively access any single bank of a potential plurality of banks associated with a memory channel by decoding the address associated with that bank utilizing otherwise

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conventionally well understood means, all claims are considered obvious variations of that explicitly or implicitly claimed in view of their supporting disclosure.


5. Claims 1, 3-5, 8-10, 12-14 and 16-27 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of copending Application No. 11/112,047. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other for the same reasons as cited above.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul W. Schlie whose telephone number is 571-272-6765. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Kim can be reached on 517-272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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